

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday October 22, 2009

OPEN-SESSION

The Open Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 9:00 am on the above date in Conference Room 401, Rhode Island Department of Health, PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Kathy Kettle, Chairperson.

Members Present

Kathy Kettle (Chairperson) Jonathan Mundy (Secretary), Chris Albanese, Michael Cacchiotti, Karen DiStefano, Susan Delmonico, Kelly Or.

Members Not Present

Richard Hathaway

Staff Present

Catherine Cordy

Call to Order

Chairperson Kathy Kettle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Minutes

The minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on September 10, 2009 were reviewed. On a motion made by Jonathan Mundy and seconded by Chris Albanese, Mr. Mundy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed on unanimous consent.

2.0 Administrative Issues

• Announcements:

None

• Communications:

Kelly Orr reported that she had received recommendations from Dr. Iris Tong on proposed language for Emergency Contraception. The Sub-Committee agreed to meet on November 3, 2009 at 8:30 am in Room 205 to begin discussion on developing regulatory language that would address this issue.

- Continuing Education Inquiries:**

None

- Issued Registrations (NAPLEX™/TOS/REC Candidates):**

None

- Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached**

A listing of newly issued licenses was reviewed by all Board Members and on a motion made by Karen Distefano and seconded by Susan Delmonico, the list was approved with unanimous consent.

3.0 Old Business

- NABP District I Meeting – Evaluation**

Karen DiStefano reported that there will be a surplus of funds available once all outstanding expenses are paid. Catherine Cordy will contact NAPB Executive Director Carmen Catizone with questions and recommendations resulting from the meeting. Michael Simeone, Director for Continuing Education for the College of Pharmacy at URI, reported that he was in the process of reviewing meeting attendee evaluations and that continuing education certificates would be mailed out soon.

- Update – H1N1**

Cathy Cordy updated the Board on new developments involving the procurement and disbursement of H1N1 vaccine to RI caregivers/providers.

4.0 New Business

- RIPAE Payment Issue – Elizabeth Shelov**

Elizabeth Shelov provided the Board with an update on an issue involving the dispensing of Brand Name medications and the claim being rejected by RIPAE. Ms. Shelov indicated that once the issue was identified Pharmacy providers were notified with instructions on how to handle rejected claims.

- Medical Marijuana – Patient Use in Hospitals**

Jonathan Mundy advised the Board on a recent issue involving an inpatient at a local hospital that brought medical marijuana with him/her. Mr. Mundy expressed his concerns regarding the handling of medical marijuana by a hospital pharmacy and what legal issues this may present given that there is no regulatory language presently in place for guidance. The Board agreed that this was an issue and would work towards developing language with input from our area hospital Directors of Pharmacy.

• Elections

On a motion made by Jonathan Mundy and seconded by Karen DiStefano, Mr. Mundy submitted Kathy Kettle's name for consideration of Chairperson for the Board of Pharmacy. With no other nominations submitted, the Board unanimously approved Kathy Kettle as Chairperson.

On a motion made by Susan Delmonico and seconded by Karen DiStefano, Ms. Delmonico submitted Jonathan Mundy's name for consideration of Secretary for the Board of Pharmacy. With no other nominations submitted, the Board unanimously approved Jonathan Mundy as Secretary.

5.0 Adjourn to Executive Session

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an open meeting.

On a motion made by Jonathan Mundy and seconded by Susan Delmonico, Mr. Mundy moved to closed the Open Meeting and

adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a)(1) and (4). The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Open Meeting session adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

6.0 Return to Open Session

On a motion made by Karen DiStefano and seconded by Susan Delmonico, Ms. DiStefano moved to open the Open Session. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7.0 Final Actions

None

8.0 Adjourn

On a motion made by Karen DiStefano and seconded by Michael Cacchiotti, Ms. DiStefano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Mundy

Jonathan M. Mundy, R.Ph.
Secretary Board of Pharmacy